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For: IMPROVED METHOD OF PRODUCING AN ASPARTIC PROTEASE IN A  
RECOMBINANT HOST ORGANISM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to calculation of the filing fees for the above-identified application and to place  
such application in better condition for examination, please preliminarily amend the  
above-identified application as follows: